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Feeding California and the World

The Governor promotes greater access for California Grown products during his trade mission in China.

California's unique blend of fertile soils and temperate climates, combined with cutting-edge technology, pioneering research and marketplace innovations, has helped create the most sophisticated agricultural production and distribution systems in the world. California produces half of the nation's fruits, vegetables and nuts, and more than two-thirds of the nation's fresh-cut flowers. Agriculture is the cornerstone of California's economy - contributing approximately \$30 billion in sales and creating more than 1 million jobs. With 88,000 farms producing more than 350 crops, our farmers and ranchers have made this state the nation's leader in agricultural production.

Promoting California Grown products

The Governor takes every opportunity to draw attention to California's top export. From starring in a California Grown television advertisement to featuring products during two Asian trade missions, Governor Schwarzenegger is pushing for greater market access and more sales opportunities.

Enhancing food safety

Californians must be able to rely on the safety of the food they feed their families. The Schwarzenegger administration has partnered with the Western Institute for Food Safety and Security at UC Davis to coordinate with local and state agencies, along with California's food and agricultural sectors, to enhance food safety and agroterrorism research and training.

Investing in rural crime prevention

The Governor invested \$3.6 million in the Rural Crime Prevention Program to help catch, prosecute and prevent crimes against the agricultural community. These funds are being used to prevent equipment theft, vandalism and the dumping of trash on private lands.

Promoting the California School Garden Network

The California School Garden Network, an unprecedented alliance of state agencies, nonprofit organizations and education institutions, is promoting nutrition, agriculture and physical activity through the creation of school gardens in California.

Expanding pest exclusion programs

Through his work with the congressional delegation, Governor Schwarzenegger helped secure more funding nationwide for pest detection and exclusion. These funds not only aid California and neighboring-state farmers, but help to protect successful trade by ensuring safe and healthy products to offer consumers.

Protecting California's water resources

To protect California's most precious natural resource, the Governor's budget includes \$145.8 million for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, an unprecedented effort to build a framework for managing the state's water resources.



Supporting the California wine industry

The Governor signed a bill making it easier for California wineries to ship to consumers in other states and for California consumers to purchase wine – fostering the continued growth of the wine industry in California.





Governor Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver host the Made in California Expo & Showcase in Beijing, China.

Marketing California and Its Destinations Around the World

With its rich fusion of cultures, natural resources, renowned attractions, world-class cuisine and humanitarian ideals, California is the number one travel destination in the United States. In 2004, tourism generated \$82.5 billion for the state's economy, an increase of 7.4 percent over the previous year. The tourism industry provides nearly 900,000 jobs, serving close to 50 million out-of-state visitors and 8.4 million international visitors every year. The Governor has successfully promoted our state around the globe and encouraged people to visit, invest, build and grow their businesses in California.



Governor Schwarzenegger and Agriculture Secretary A.G. Kawamura promote California Grown produce at a Hong Kong market.